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NEWS BRIEFS



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ART AND GRAPHIC DESIGN SHOW: Displays of various art pieces set up in the SLC for the art and graphic design show that was held on May 4th.



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LOWER SCHOOL BUG DAY: Marlie Buttrill, Mary-Kate Esler, Sadie Obholz pose for a picture showing off their bug day costumes.



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M'LISS MY WESTERN MISS: Junior Kyle Johnson "stabbs" senior Conner Harbor during the astounding drama play.



photo by Braxton Fillebrown

TRACK STATE COMPETITION: Jewel Miller hands the baton off to Katie Dossey during the 4x200 meter relay race.

FEATURE

A Salute To Our Seniors



photo by Laura Smith

All of the seniors gather for a photo with their cap and gown. The Seniors will be missed as they graduate and go on to attend a variety of colleges, but the impact they made on students and faculty alike will remain at MCA forever.

Makenzie Shaw, *Sports Editor*

As the month of May sweeps in every year another graduating Senior class will move onto the next step in their lives. After 12 years of schooling, almost every student has patiently awaited this day because they are very anxious to start the rest of their lives. The majority of the McKinney Christian Academy Senior class has been here for a couple years, with the exception of Joah Williams, McKenna Hubert, Hope Windsor, Carly Curran, and Alex Harper, who have been attending MCA since Kindergarten. Senior, Joah Williams said, "I have been attending MCA since Kindergarten. I have really enjoyed developing a closer relationship with my fellow classmates and teachers. I am going to miss MCA, but look forward to coming back and visiting everyone next year and the years to come." Even though all the Seniors

are eager to move on with their lives and are excited to see what the Lord has in their futures, MCA will always hold a special place in their hearts. Senior, McKenna Hubert has also attended McKinney Christian since Kindergarten. She said, "Senior year has been great this year; however, I couldn't be more surprised by how fast it's gone by. I'll miss the Christian atmosphere that has surrounded me for so long, but I am ready for college and all the new experiences God has in store for me." McKinney Christian Academy exists to honor Jesus Christ by teaching students to live biblically through education of mind, body and spirit. The 2015 graduating Senior class exemplifies these values well, and will be missed greatly after they are gone.

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Teacher of the Month Colonel Dan Bellue

Chris Thomas, *Staff Writer*

Throughout the school year, teachers work hard to toward the prosperity and growth of students. The reason Colonel Dan Bellue was chosen for this month's Teacher of the Month recognition was for his great teaching abilities and his desire for his students to prosper and grow in knowledge. Bellue teaches physics for juniors and has plans for teaching aviation meteorology next year. Bellue has been with McKinney Christian Academy for 10 years and has influenced the teachers and his students.

Bellue is a great and inspiring man who is well liked on campus. Science teacher John Keyes comments about Colonel Bellue and his hard work saying "Colo-

nel Bellue is loyal, kind, extremely Godly, a great advisor when you need help, and he always looks out for everyone more than himself. Colonel's the man." Colonel Bellue is not only loved by his fellow teachers, but also by his students that are in his class daily. Bellue's ability to teach kids has been shown throughout the years as he has aided numerous amounts of students with his knowledge. Bellue is a exelent example for teachers and students alike as he is a respected man, known for his astonishing intellect and Christ-like attitude. Colonel Dan Bellue is an amazing man who has helped MCA grow spiritually and mentally in their walk with Christ and desire for knowledge.

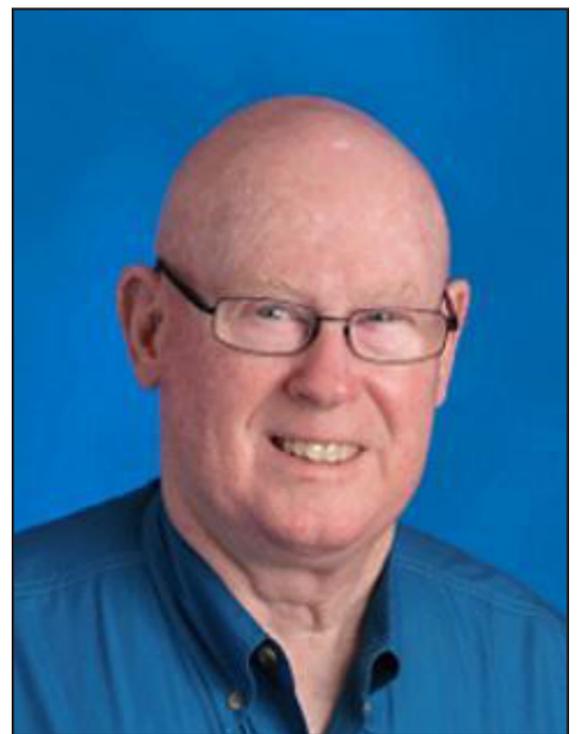


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Bellue teaches juniors physics and is starting a aviation course as an ellective course next year. He is an amazing teacher and excellent christian leader.

SENIORS SPEAK



"You're snarky."
Andy Boese



"I miss Phoebe."
Chanel Bristol



"No."
Cameron Close



"If you ain't first, you're last."
Brickman Clow



"Wait...what?"
Carly Curran



"Literally, where is the nearest Starbucks?"
Madi Dossey



"Well that's awkward."
Rylee Frisbie



"My pleasure."
Marissa Full



"CAMERON STOP."
Alexandra Harper



"Sorry I'm late guys."
Olivia Haskin



Gaaaaaaaaaaaaaay."
McKenna Hubert



"You should be studying too."
Will Jacobs



"Saisa cat is back."
Madi Johnson



"Yeet yeet yeet."
Will Kuehne



"My name is not Tee."
Toluwalase Olawale



"61-58 Sic 'em!"
Richard Osburn

"Can this be monogrammed?"
Makenzie Shaw

"J's on my feet."
Erik Stuessy

"Wait, you're literally going to die."
Lily Thompson

"Do I have lipstick on my teeth?"
Hannah Warren

"Don't sweat the petty things, but don't pet the sweaty things."
Nick Weideman

"Is there creatine in that?"
Joah Williams

"Hi Robby."
Hope Windsor

"I can't have workouts."
Kayce Zanettel

1st Grade Bugging Around Crawling with Fun

Abbie Parker, *Staff Writer*

Bug Day is a lower school event in which the first graders dress up and participate in fun activities pertaining to different kinds of bugs. This year, bug day was held on April 1st. All of the first grade students dressed up as bugs in order to celebrate this fun day. The students made lady bug crafts at different stations, ate bug themed snacks such as kolache butterflies, and had a fun parade for the Pre-k class at the end of the day. First grader, Sadie Obholz said, "My fa-

vorite part of bug day was dressing up as a butterfly and the fun parade we had for Pre-k." All of the first graders enjoyed bug day and all the activities they participated in on this day. First grader, Noah Melton, said, "I liked making a praying mantis puppet to play with at home." Bug day was very successful this year and hopefully the first graders next year will have as much fun celebrating bug day as the first graders did this year.



courtesy photo

The first grade has big smiles during the annual "Bug Day" event.

Justice Club Because I'm Batman

Jessica Mains, *Editor In Chief*

On Friday, May 1, MCA's Upper School students attended the first annual Justice League Assembly. Justice League is MCA's first social justice club, founded and led by senior Jessica Mains. The assembly featured guest speaker Colette Williams from Traffick911, a non-profit organization founded in 2009 with a mission to abolish domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST).

Williams gave an abbreviated version of Traffick911's "The Traps of a Trafficker." The assembly focused on equipping students to avoid the lures of sex traffickers and increasing awareness for the spread and severity of sex trafficking in America. Williams warned students to expose the traps, which are deceptive and often

go unnoticed. Williams also told students to make wise decisions and be aware of trafficker "hangouts" like Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Whispr, schools, malls, and parks. One of the greatest tools Williams gave students is the ability to take action against trafficking. Awareness is key. There is no way to end trafficking if people are left uninformed about the dangers and brutality of the industry. The assembly closed in school-wide prayer for unity and solidarity even in the final weeks of the year.

The Justice League was proud to support this assembly and looks forward to next year when sophomore Ashley Ingalls will continue the mission of the club.

Life without Music would Bb TPSMEA Contest Band

Althea Wolfe *Staff Writer*

On Friday April 10, the MCA band travelled to Bishop Lynch High School for the annual TPSMEA Concert and Sight-Reading Contest. The band consisted of 33 students ranging from 7th to 12th grade as the upper school does not have a complete band. Throughout the contest, 17 bands from different schools participated in concert and sight-reading. The sight-reading portion of the contest assesses the students on how accurately they can read a piece of music from beginning to end with only looking at it for a few minutes and never having seen it before. "As a director, I have a 10 minute window to explain as much of the music as I can before we perform it," said band director Ken Snow. As well as the sight-reading performance, the band performed three concert pieces: Apex March, Heaven's Light, and Flight of Eagles and were overall rated a two. The pieces were judged on a 1-5 scale, 1

being 'Superior', 2-'Excellent', 3-'Good', 4-'Fair', and 5 is 'Needs Improvement'. The students began practicing this music immediately after Christmas Break and intently focused on improving all the way up until the day of the contest. To help work out some complicated parts, director Ken Snow called upon his mentor and friend Dr. Eric Wilson, director of bands at Baylor University. Dr. Wilson was already in the area to work at a clinic with Allen High School and he agreed to spend a couple hours working with the MCA band the Monday before the competition. "He has a way of communicating exactly what he wants to hear out of a band member and it takes place immediately," said Snow. "I have been pleased with the improvement of the band program this year," said Senior Nate Ferguson after the contest. Overall, the students are pleased with the results and plan to do even better next year.



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Band director Ken Snow leads the MCA performance band during their Star Wars themed show. He utilized their talents to make the performance something that the audience will never forget.

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American Ideals

The Lower School Takes the Stage

Evan Gerdes, *Staff Writer*

On April 23, the talented Lower School choir students put on a play for a wide audience. The premise had the play take place as a fictional show called American Ideal, based off of the popular television program American Idol, in which several judges witnessed musical performances from four contestants to decide on a superstar winner. With clever character names such as Ryan D. Best and Neil Downe, and fantastic singing from the students, the fun and creative play proceeded to teach a lesson in using your gifts to exalt the Lord and to make sure it is all about Him and not us. The audience was provided with a spectacular show, and the

students who took part in the performance had just as good of a time. Mitchell Wines, 4, said, "I really liked being a main character in the play. It was fun to get the audience to clap and I liked ending the play with a lesson on humility." In comparison, the Lower School choir teacher Kathi Bass said, "I think I enjoyed this program more than any we have done so far. The kids did an amazing job presenting the characters and message of the musical. My thanks to everyone involved." Overall, the performance was enjoyed by the audience and is considered a success by the Lower School choir who put it on.



photo by Kim Jensen

Fourth grader, Brooke Jensen warming up before the lower school spring performance.

Hard Work Pays Off

Induction of The New Members of NHS

Toluwalase Olawale, *Staff Writer*

On May 1st 2015, MCA students and parents gathered in the Student Life Center to commemorate the induction of the newest members of the MCA chapter of the National Honor Society. Seniors Christian Long and Richard Osburn led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer. NHS sponsor, Tara Ackmann, gave a brief introduction of what NHS membership entails and then some of the current members of NHS explicated on the various values NHS members are expected to have. The guest speaker, Mr. Tom Humbert gave an amazing speech on

being representatives of Christ with J.R.R Tolkien's Lord Of The Rings symbolism. The new inductees then recited the NHS pledge, after which they were called up one by one to sign their names into the book and receive their certificates. Afterwards, Upper School Principal, Laura Smith, presented the seniors in NHS with their stoles that will be worn on graduation day. Smith also closed the event with a prayer. Following the ceremony, students and their families moved on to a reception where cake and refreshments were served. It was a time of great pride for all those honored.



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All the new National Honor Society inductees gather together with their certificates for a photo as a commemoration of all their hard work and diligence.



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Life is Better Under the Sea Prom at the Aquarium

Toluwalase Olawale, *Staff Writer*

On April 18th 2015, sophomores, juniors, and seniors gathered at the Dallas World Aquarium for an under the sea themed prom. Students were dressed to the nines in their best dresses and suits, despite the heavy rains. Prior to entering the dance hall, students were given a tour of the aquarium, where they saw sloths, snakes and giant catfish, among many other animals. About an hour into the dance, the seniors were called out for the annual senior prom picture in front of a huge tank. To their surprise, the students were met with a diver holding up a congratulatory sign and

a manatee performing tricks with the diver. The seniors then performed the line dance from "Saturday Night Fever". There were lots of snacks and drinks available for the students and a photo booth with many fun props. Awards were given to the best dressed guy, girl, and couple. After a long night of dancing, prom finally ended to the dismay of the students. When all the lights came on, it was evident that the Student Government's hard work definitely did not go to waste.



photo by: Laura Smith

Seniors Madi Dossey, Maddie Johnson, and Julie James have fun dancing together at their senior prom.



photo by: Laura Smith

Seniors gather together to take a picture to remember their last high school dance.

May the Force Be With You Band Concert

Althea Wolfe, *Staff Writer*

On Thursday May 8, the middle and upper school bands performed the songs they had been practicing since Christmas Break. As a surprise during the Star Wars Saga, the final song, actors came onto the stage and depicted a scene from

a Star Wars movie. The spectators were entranced by the music and perfect sequence of acting to the songs. The concert was a big success and all expectations concerning the quality of the pieces and talents of the students were met.



photo by: Laura Smith

Nate Ferguson gives Ken Snow a signed picture of the middle school and upper school band.



photo by: Laura Smith

Freshman Sadie Banks, Eighth Graders Mason Lee and Rex Collins perform at the band concert.

EDITORIAL

M'Liss Cast

- Ellie Ferguson-**
M'Liss
- Parker Barrett-**
Uba Bill
- Conner Harbor-**
Old Bummer Smith
- Noelle Reed-**
Miss Starlight
- Channing Mead-**
Mr. Grey
- Abigail Gordon-**
Mrs. Moffits
- Ashley Proctor-**
Clidee
- Kyle Johnson-**
Mr. Langdon
- Garrett Kramer-**
Judge Mcksnagley
- Mary Lee Knowles-**
Clara

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 - Que Harris**
 - Mary Hana Spencer**
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Dinner Show A Night At the Movies

Braxton Fillebrown, *Staff Writer*

The dinner show is opportunity for the students to show case their talents. The dinner show is an evening that family and friends all come and enjoy a show put on by the high school and middle school. The choir spends many weeks working on their songs for many weeks in order to make the production as best as possible. There are many solos that had a great turn out. Along with singing there was also fabulous dancing to songs such as "Singing in the Rain". Every year

Mrs. Keyes creates an awesome theme the theme this year will be "A Night at the Movies" the choir will be singing songs from movies and some theme songs of movies. The choir sang a song such as "Eye of the Tiger". The dinner show had a great turn out the filled the whole theater at Hope Fellowship church. The audience loved the choir, the many solos, and small ensembles. In the end when the choir took a bow the audience gave the choir a standing ovation.



photo by: Laura Smith

The boys ensemble sings "Hard Day's Night" by the Beatles during the Dinner Show that was held on May 9th.



photo by: Laura Smith

Freshmen Addison Hydock and Charlie Stubbs perform a instrumental duet of the song "Love Theme" from the Godfather.



photo by: Laura Smith

Sophomore Jackie Greenwell sings "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" dressed as Dorothy from the classic movie the Wizard of Oz.

M'Liss My Western Miss Lights, Camera, Action

Will Harrell, *Staff Writer*

On April 10th and 11th, MCA drama department put on a mysterious yet funny production. M'Liss My Western Miss is about a beautiful young daughter of a coal miner and her life in the late 1800s. Deceptive and persuasive businessman Mr. Langdon, along with his fiance Clara Hunting try to murder M'Liss's father, Bummer Smith, and get rid of M'Liss to steal the inheritance the Smiths know nothing about. Their plans, however, are thwarted by the cunning school teacher Mr. Gray and the hilarious Yubba Bill when they explain to the judge what they saw at Bummer's mur-

der scene. This play combined the element of surprise with a humorous twist to keep the audience captured throughout the performance. Not only did the play have a superb cast, but it also had an experienced director with creative taste. Supporting actor, Parker Barrett stated, "The play went well. Everyone came together as a team and worked hard. Mrs. Tucker directed us in the right path and utilized our talents." The audience at the performance was in awe of the skill these students possessed. Overall, Drama's performance of M'Liss My Western Miss was a stellar show.



photo by: Laura Smith

Freshman Ellie Ferguson and Junior Kyle Johnson act out a dramatic scene in the play M'Liss.



photo by: Laura Smith

Freshman Ellie Ferguson and juniors Conner Harbor and Kyle Johnson show off the skills they've learned in drama this year in the school play M'Liss.



photo by: Laura Smith

Freshman Abigail Gordon and senior Mary Lee Knowles show off their fun costumes and acting skills during their scene.



photo by: Laura Smith

Freshmen Abigail Gordon and Garrett Kramer show the crowd what they've learned in drama this year.



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Sophomore Ashley Ingalls and Junior Channing Mead have fun acting out a scene from M'Liss.



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Juniors Channing Mead and Kyle Johnson along with freshman Ellie Ferguson show the crowd their acting skills.

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Being able to lead the team this season was such a great experience. I am sad that this was my last season, but am overjoyed that I will be able to continue my baseball career at the next level.

-Will Jacobs (12)

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It's bittersweet being a senior and knowing that this season was my last baseball season but we played really well and I will miss my teammates next year.

-Nick Weideman (12)

05

Being a senior, I will miss softball but this was my favorite season by far. We beat our expectations for the season and I will miss everyone so much.

-McKenna Hubert (12)

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It was a really fun season. I love my team and I am so proud of the outcome of this year and how it went. I am looking forward to next year and what is to come.

-Mary Hanna Spencer (9)

05

I think it's good for us Lower School athletes to be involved in Lil' Stangs because the program prepares us for Middle and Upper School sports.

-Marshal Stubbs (5)

Making History Homerun Into Playoffs

McKenna Hubert, Staff Writer



photo by Laura Smith

Junior, Jack Adelsburger slides into home plate scoring a run against Dallas Covenant. The Mustangs defeated the Knights and adding another district win.

The Mustangs finished their season with a record of 9-2 in district and 12-4 in the overall season. Because they were aggressive and determined, they achieved second place in district, the Mustang baseball team has successfully made the TAPPS State 3A Playoffs. Coach David Etheredge says, "This was the most successful season we had. This was the second time we have made it to playoffs in MCA history." The last time the Mustang baseball program made the playoffs was in 2008 which was seven years ago so you could say the team is really excited. Junior, Gavin Corley says, "This baseball season has been the best season I have been a part of. Finally beating First Baptist Academy was a highlight of the season and hopefully we can make a playoff run this year."

Being such a successful team, the Mustangs were motivated to keep their attitudes up and stayed focused through the preparation for their first playoff game which was held on Friday May 1, 2015, against Temple Christian Academy. Senior, Will Jacobs says, "It was enjoyable with all the guys on the team. Being able to lead them was a great experience and opportunity." After seven long and eventful innings, the Mustangs fought hard but ended up losing 7-0. The Mustangs were purposeful in their dedication and the result was a very successful season. The 2014-2015 team was impressive and memorable.

Dedication Perseverance Is Key

McKenna Hubert, Staff Writer

The middle school Mustang team has had a great year full of improvement despite the disappointments. The MCA middle school baseball team was made of mostly sixth graders who were optimistic to try their hand at a whole new world of sports and they did great. Throughout the year, the coaches helped them to improve despite their unsuccessfulness and were very delighted with the effort shown by such a young team. Coach BJ Foster commented "The first half of the season was mainly rebuilding the team. While the second half they improved a lot better, and if they would have played more games they would have had a better outcome." However, for such a young team, they still had a good outcome with an overall of 2-8 with most of their games being cancelled because of the unpredictable weather. In conclusion, the middle school baseball team has had good year with improvement and being able to persevere, rain or shine, win or loss.



photo by Sarah Dahl

Mustang pitcher Mitchell Tyler gets a hit in the bottom of the third inning.



courtesy photo

Marco Laos (4) stands at home plate ready to swing at the incoming pitch.



photo by Samantha Reynolds

Kindergarten soccer team pose for a team picture. There season was full of fun and laughter.



courtesy photo

Third grade soccer team finishes second in a tough division.



photo by Laura Smith

Senior, Will Jacobs winds up for the pitch against Ovilla Christian School.



photo by Judy Collins

Senior, Nate Ferguson stands at first base ready for the incoming ball.



photo by Sarah Dahl

Sophomore, Hayden Foote stands ready to swing at the incoming pitch.

Lil' Stangs Coming To An End

Olivia Mitas, Staff Writer

This year Lil' Stangs was a huge success as some teams even returned for a second season this spring. The spring season includes baseball, soccer, and basketball, the teams are a third grade soccer boys team with one girl, a kindergarten soccer team, a second grade boys soccer team, a first and second grade combined boys baseball team, a fourth and fifth grade boys baseball team, and a fourth grade girls basketball team. The third grade boys soccer team even went all the way to the championship taking second in the top division, Coach Jason Post says, "They played great and moved to the next division and came together as a team." The first and second grade boys baseball is doing well as their season is not yet over due to the rainouts. Overall, Lil' Stangs has been a great experience for Lower School students as they are able to competitively play on a team with their friends within MCA.

Lil' Stangs will be returning next year so the players will be able to have the same amount of fun. These seasons have been an unforgettable experience for the players as they are not only able to play on teams with their classmates, but also have the chance to pray after each game and represent MCA in the community. First grade soccer player Grady Rogers comments on why he has enjoyed Lil' Stangs so much this year, "I signed up because it is really fun to play soccer and I just find it really fun playing with my friends at school." The seasons are coming to an end as the school year is wrapping up and these Lil' Stangs players could not be more excited for what is to come next year.

Starting Off Strong Varsity Softball Sets A New Record

Mary Hana Spencer, *Staff Writer*

The girls' varsity softball team began their season shortly after Spring Break with a over Ovilla Christian School. Head coach, Mr. John Keyes says, "This win really exceeded my expectations. I am already extremely proud of the girls and all of their hard work and effort they have put into the season so far." This game gave the team the hope of a very promising season, considering the fact that the varsity softball team did not win a single game last season. MCA then played FBA with a score of 5-3.

The Lady Mustangs then went on to play Rockwall Heritage on Thursday, March 26, but came up short with a score of 10-0. The girls then played and dominated Irving Highlands Trail Blazers (16-2). On April 2, the girls played First Baptist and lost 6-5. Then on April 7, the softball team went on to play Trinity and beat that team 10-0. First base player, Sadie Banks, says, "Our

team is doing incredibly well so far. The team has really bonded both on and off the field, worked hard, and strived to make it to play-offs." Eventually, the Mustangs played both Rockwall Heritage and First Baptist, but sadly lost to both teams.

The team has made it to this year's playoffs with a 7-4 record. The girls travelled to Lubbock to play the undefeated and returning state champions, Lubbock Christian Academy, but suffered a very difficult loss. Senior, McKenna Hubert says, "This has by far been my favorite softball season. I feel like this team really bonded, had fun, and did their best on the field. I am so proud of this team and how far we have actually come." The McKinney Christian Academy girls' softball team made it to 3rd place in district, making a name for the sport of softball at MCA.



photo by Laura Smith

MCA senior pitcher McKenna Hubert (5) goes through the motions of her wind-up before delivering a pitch to a First Baptist Academy batter during the second inning of play. The two teams had to play a playoff for a second place seeding.

Back to Back Champions Slow Start to a Perfect Finish

Mary Hana Spencer, *Staff Writer*

The Mustangs had a slow start but continued to improve and eventually won the championship. With about 30 players trying out, 18 players made the team, cutting a few skilled players. Eighth grader, Lizzie Krusing, said, "Although we were off to a rough start, I feel that by the end of the season we really came together and bonded as a team. I am so proud of how far we have come this season." Lizzie Krusing won the "Most Outstanding" award, third baseman and eighth grader, Emma Lowes won "Mustang of the Year" award, and eighth grader, Kate Witte, won the "Most Improved" award. This team represented MCA though their hard work and character. The team made it to playoffs for the second year in a row,

continuing the legacy set the year before. "From the very first practice to the end of the season I have seen huge amounts of improvement in the girls. This was such a great group of girls, and I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them." Seventh grader Brooke Fillebrown said, "Even though we had a lot of new players we still managed to work as a team and do the best we could to the best of our abilities." Not only did the Mustangs make it to playoffs, but they won TAPPS middle school championship for the second year in a row with a 10-2 record. The McKinney Christian Academy middle school softball team is looking for 3-peat next year.



photo by Karen Krusing

Members of the middle school softball team pose for a team photo following their championship game during the TAPPS playoffs. This is the second year in a row that the Lady Mustangs have won the TAPPS championship.

Running For Regionals Sprinting For State

Katie Jones *Staff Writer*

With 13 track athletes qualifying for regionals, the bar was set high for their personal best. Junior, Hannah Wilks and Freshman, Marissa Wilks got 1st and 4th in shot put, as well as Junior David Buchanan who placed 4th. Sophomore, Jackie Greenwell placed at district to get her to regionals in the 300 meter hurdle and the long jump. Our girls 4x100 meter and 4x200 meter relay placed 2nd in both events gaining them a spot in regionals. These relays consist of Julie James, Katie Dossey, Kayce Zanetell, and Anna Keebler. Connor Harbor and Julie James both placed in the 400 meter dash putting them in regionals as well. The long distance runners Justin Cross, Madi Hydock, and Nick Henderson placed putting them in regionals as well.

All of the regional runners ran their best but it was the girls 4x200, 4x100, long distance and shot and disc that made it to state. Our state runners include, Katie Dossey, Kacey Zanetell, Julie James, Nick Henderson, Madi Hydock, Makenna Schulte, Hannah Wilks, and

Jewel Miller who filled in for Anna Keebler. The girls 4x100 meter placed 3rd, and 4x200 meter placed 2nd, in state. Katie Dossey also placed 2nd missing 1st place by .01 seconds in the girls 200 meter run. Julie James placed 2nd in the 400m, and Nick Henderson placed 3rd in the 2 mile, and 5th in the 1 mile. Overall MCA Upper school track had an amazing season.

The Middle School track team did outstanding this season as well. Many of our runners beat their personal goals sending them to the district meet. Over all, the Middle School district meet was successful with Emma Thompson, Kara Vita, Juliana Roller, Jasmine Danielson, Rex Collins, Grant Bailey, Sam Harrell, and Riley Ireland all placing. Both Middle and Upper school had a phenomenal season thanks to the the amount of effort the coaches put into it as well. Those coaches are Jerrod Butler, Dan Collins, Rodney Doyle, Chris Jamerson, Bob Lovelady, and Sharon Boese.



photo by Tabi Dossey

Junior Jewel Miller, seniors Julie James and Kayce Zanetell and sophomore Katie Dossey and coach Rodney Doyle pose for a picture at the state track meet May 9 at Baylor University. These girls placed second in the 4x200 mile relay.

A Hole In One Going Out Swinging

Marco Cueva *Staff Writers*

This is golf's 12th year at MCA and each year our McKinney Christian Mustangs have strived to improve their game. Golf has had a rich history in the past with many State runner-ups, district, regional, and State championship titles. Girls golf even won the district, regional and state championship in the 2004-2005 school year. This year's golf team is coached by Coach Larry Norrell and assistant coach Barb Norrell. The season started at the beginning of the school year practicing at school using tires for chipping and cones for putting as well as practicing at Oak Hollow golf course in McKinney. The golf team came into the 2015 season with high expectations and has lived up to them very well with the first golf tournament played in West, Texas. When asked how the season has been going, Sophomore Zak

Albers said, "This first year of golf has been great. I get to spend time with friends, the coaches are very helpful, and I get to improve my golf skills. I will definitely want to play again with this team next year."

This year's golf team has had significant success this season. Recently, junior Abbie Owens competed in the TAPPS 3A State Tournament in Killeen, Texas on April 27th and 28th and received 16th place out of 48 golfers. When asked how the tournament went Owens stated, "It went really well. The first day had perfect weather, really pretty outside. The second day was really cold and windy but I think I played better." Overall, golf has had a stellar year with many standouts, and we are looking forward to seeing them play next year.



photo by Stacey Owens

MCA junior Abbie Owens lines up to tee off during the TAPPS 3A state golf tournament at Stonetree Golf Course Killeen, Texas on April 27th and 28th. Owen finished 16th out of 48 golfers.

5 POINTS Looking Back

Joshua Mains, *Campus Editor*



photo by Alec Harris

As we look back at the life lessons we have learned throughout the year that we see a reoccurring theme. We should not expect the world to change around us; it is us that need to change. Mahatma Gandhi said, "Be the change you want to see." We, however, don't seem to want to change, but expect the world to change for us. We sit there and complain about all the things wrong in our lives, but when it comes to the effort required to change our lives we have none. We are not self-motivated enough to love one another, care for the person next to us, and live in a Christ-like way, which is the heart of the issue. Our willingness to change is limited not by our ability but our attitude. We are the only people that can stop us from loving Christ and other people. We are the reason nothing changes, and we cannot blame anyone but ourselves. So, stand up for what is true, right, and lovely. Don't just think on these things. Don't just think about what is right. Thinking does nothing without action, and action creates results. It is by thinking about what is right, and taking action that we see change in our everyday lives. Although it may not always be easy, we persevere to the goal of Christ, and by that we become more like Him.

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